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ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION REPORT, 2400, JUNE 8, 1967

1. USS LIBERTY - Further reports on American casualties following the attack by Israeli boats and planes indicate that 10 Americans were killed and 75 wounded (15 seriously). The ship, armed with only four .50-caliber machine guns, fired back at the attackers. She carries one doctor and two hospital corpsmen and has a small sick bay with a few beds and operating facilities.

2. CAIRO REACTION TO LIBERTY INCIDENT - Cairo radio claimed earlier today (1730Z) that the presence of an American ship "only 15 miles north of Sinai" was clear proof that the US is taking part in the battle on Israel's side.

3. UK RELAXES ARMS EMBARGO - UK Foreign Secretary Brown told Commons earlier today that in view of the lack of a positive response from the USSR on the question of embargoing arms to Israel and the Arabs, the British Government was removing the suspension of arms shipments imposed on June 6.*

4. DENMARK ON PEACEKEEPING - Danish Premier Jens Otto Krag tonight announced his country's willingness to contribute troops for any effort to set up a new UN peacekeeping force in the Middle East (Reuters).

5. SYRIA ACCEPTS CEASE-FIRE - Several hours after Damascus radio had proclaimed that "the war is just beginning", it announced (0120Z, June 9) that the Syrian Council of Ministers had accepted a cease-fire, contingent on Israel's observance of the truce. The radio said that the SYG had been notified of this decision.

6. ALGERIA WITHDRAWS MILITARY TRAINEES - The Algerian Defense Ministry today announced the withdrawal of all its trainees in Eastern Europe. It was not immediately clear whether the decision reflected displeasure at the Soviet attitude in the Middle East crisis.

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